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For: MERCHANDISE DETECTING AND  
BILLING DEVICE HAVING A PLURALITY  
OF RECEIPT DISPENSERS

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.